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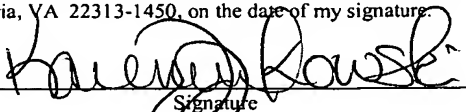
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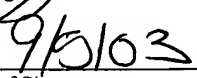
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In the Restriction Requirement dated August 8, 2003, the Examiner restricted the present application between two inventions. The Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I (claims 1-21, 37, 38, and 39) for further prosecution on the merits within the one month shortened statutory period. Accordingly, no extension of time fee or petition is required to accompany this Response.

Early, favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if she believes it would be helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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